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## Students react to Rep. Miller's Hitler quote

By Corryn Brock  
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Some students say they are questioning Congresswoman Mary Miller's character after comments made Jan. 5 in which the representative said "Hitler was right on one thing" regarding the importance of the youth in politics.

During a speech for Moms for America, Miller quoted Hitler, saying, "If we win a few elections, we're still going to be losing unless we win the hearts and minds of our children. This is the battle. Hitler was right on one thing. He said, 'Whoever has the youth has the future.'"

Diana Argueta, a junior graphic design, called Miller's words unacceptable.

"I can see the point she was trying to make but she glorified a man who led a genocide. If she sees something that Hitler was 'right' about then she should resign effective immediately. The youth does represent the future, but most of today's youth is for BLM & basic human rights, that's left wing radical..." Argueta said. "...What kind of ideas and idealization does she want the youth to follow if it isn't basic human rights?"

Makenna Boyd, a junior English language arts major, said she was surprised by the representative's words and disappointed in Miller's statement that followed the speech.

"My first reaction was shock. Who in their right

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## Back to the books



KARINA DELGADO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Chateau Fouchea, a junior criminal justice major, picks up his textbooks Sunday afternoon from Eastern's Textbook Rental Service. Fouchea said he is "excited" for the new semester.

## Rep. Miller quotes Hitler, receives calls for resignation

By Corryn Brock  
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U.S. Rep. Mary Miller has received backlash after a speech Tuesday where she quoted Hitler.

Miller said in her speech:

"If we win a few elections, we're still going to be losing unless we win the hearts and minds of our children. This is the battle. Hitler was right on one thing. He said, 'Whoever has the youth has the future.'"

The speech was given two days after the freshman Congresswoman that represents Illinois' 15th congressional district was sworn-in to her new position and has led many to denounce her, her words and some to call for her resignation or removal.

In a tweet Wednesday afternoon from Miller's official Twitter, an explanation for the quote was given:

"Congresswoman Miller's statement was a denunciation of evil dictators' efforts to re-educate young people and similar efforts by left-wing radicals in our country today."

Prior to that tweet Miller posted then deleted another statement saying, "Let me be clear. I would never glorify a genocidal dictator. It's the left's propaganda that controls the youth, and social media is utilized as a machine to do this. We need to restore our nation, and turn toward strong faith & family, and away from radical left-wing pro-



PHOTO FROM MARY MILLER'S FACEBOOK

House Minority Leader Rep. Kevin McCarthy, Illinois State Rep. Chris Miller and U.S. Rep. Mary Miller pose for a photo to commemorate Mary Miller being sworn in as a freshman Congresswoman.

paganda," according to ProPublica.

Many replied to her second tweet, some to defend her but most to share their disagreement with her original statement and her explanation:

"Ms Miller was DEFINING a point — She was not ENDORSING it. Children are

shaped by the adults who control their education... left, right, or sideways."

"What an embarrassing defense of a speech that included praise of Hitler. You're in the big leagues now, Ms. Miller. Get a professional comms team, unless you want to align your reputation with the Louie

Gohmert, which doesn't seem like a good long-term strategy in #IL15"

"There were any number of ways that she could have expressed the idea that youth are critical to a movement. She chose to invoke, in positive terms, something Hitler said. Since pop culture quoting is going on, I use one: "...I hate Illinois Nazis..." -Jake Blues."

"Stop finger-painting in the ashes of my family, you fascist lunatic. Six million weren't murdered so you could stretch the bounds of false equivalence. Please resign, then spend your free time learning about the Holocaust. You owe it to the memories you besmirch."

One petition, which as of 4:36 p.m. had 2,500 signatures, has signed and introduced by members of the Illinois Legislative Jewish Caucus.

The petition states Miller demonstrated "blatant antisemitism" and was disrespectful to Jewish people and all who have died at the hands of Nazis.

It added that, "a sitting member of Congress who uses Hitler's obscene methods for indoctrinating children with racism and fascism as a guidepost, igniting hate and violence has no place in Congress."

Miller represents many in the Eastern community as the university sits in her district.

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Capitol police  
were overrun,  
'left naked'  
against rioters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite ample warnings about pro-Trump demonstrations in Washington, U.S. Capitol Police did not bolster staffing on Wednesday and made no preparations for the possibility that the planned protests could escalate into massive violent riots, according to several people briefed on law enforcement's response.

The revelations shed new light on why Capitol police were so quickly overrun by rioters. The department had the same number of officers in place as on a routine day. While some of those officers were outfitted with equipment for a protest, they were not staffed or equipped for a riot.

Once the mob began to move on the Capitol, a police lieutenant issued an order not to use deadly force, which explains why officers outside the building did not draw their weapons as the crowd closed in. Officers are sometimes ordered against escalating a situation by drawing their weapons if superiors believe doing so could lead to a stampede or a shoot-out.

In this instance, it also left officers with little ability to resist the mob. In one video from the scene, an officer puts up his fists to try to push back a crowd pinning him and his colleagues against a door. The crowd jeers "You are not American!" and one man tries to prod him with the tip of an American flag.

"They were left naked," Rep. Maxine Waters, D-California, said of the police in an interview with AP. She had raised

security concerns in a Dec. 28 meeting of House Democrats and grilled Steven Sund, the Capitol Police chief, during an hourlong private call on New Year's Eve. "It turns out it was the worst kind of non-security anybody could ever imagine."

The Capitol police's lackluster response to the riots, poor planning and failure to anticipate the seriousness of the threat have drawn condemnation from lawmakers and prompted the ouster of the department's chief and the Sergeants at Arms of both the House and Senate.

As the full extent of the insurrection becomes clear, the FBI is also investigating whether some of the rioters had plans to kidnap members of Congress and hold them hostage.

Investigators are particularly focused on why some of them were seen carrying plastic zip-tie handcuffs and had apparently accessed areas of the Capitol generally difficult for the public to locate, according to an official.

The official was among four officials briefed on Wednesday's incident who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation publicly.

Larry Rendell Brock, of Texas, and Eric Gavelek Munchel, of Tennessee, who both were photographed with plastic restraints as they broke into the Capitol, were arrested by the FBI on Sunday. Prosecutors said Brock also donned a green helmet, tactical vest and camouflage jacket.

Cops: Chicago shooter  
who killed 3 posted  
social media rants

CHICAGO (AP) — A man who police say killed three people and wounded four others during a series of shootings in and around Chicago posted nonsensical and expletive-laced videos in the days and hours leading up to the attacks.

Investigators on Sunday were trying to determine a motive for the Saturday afternoon attacks in which police say 32-year-old Jason Nightengale apparently chose his victims at random. Police killed Nightengale in a shootout just north of the city about four hours after authorities say he shot his first victim in the head in a South Side parking garage.

Those killed included a 30-year-old University of Chicago student from

China named Yiran Fan, Anthony Faulkner, 20, and Aisha Nevell, 46, a security guard. Wounded were a 77-year-old woman, 81-year-old woman and a 15-year-old girl, according to Chicago Police Superintendent David Brown. Another woman was shot in the neck in Evanston, police in the suburb said.

Authorities didn't release many details about Nightengale, a Chicago man whose LinkedIn page listed work over the years as a janitor, security guard and forklift operator. But a series of disturbing videos posted to Facebook over two years under Nightengale's middle name, Oliver, offered clues as to his state of mind.

Impeachment push  
builds, 2 GOP senators  
want Trump to resign

WASHINGTON (AP) — With impeachment planning intensifying, two Republican senators want President Donald Trump to resign immediately as efforts mount to prevent Trump from ever again holding elective office in the wake of deadly riots at the Capitol.

House Democrats are expected to introduce articles of impeachment on Monday and vote as soon as Tuesday. The strategy would be to condemn the president's actions swiftly but delay an impeachment trial in the Senate for 100 days. That would allow President-elect Joe Biden to focus on other priorities as soon as he is inaugurated Jan. 20.

Rep. Jim Clyburn, the third-ranking House Democrat and a top Biden ally,

laid out the ideas Sunday as the country came to grips with the siege at the Capitol by Trump loyalists trying to overturn the election results.

Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania on Sunday joined Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska in calling for Trump to "resign and go away as soon as possible."

"I think the president has disqualified himself from ever, certainly, serving in office again," Toomey said. "I don't think he is electable in any way."

Murkowski, who has long voiced her exasperation with Trump's conduct in office, told the Anchorage Daily News on Friday that Trump simply "needs to get out."

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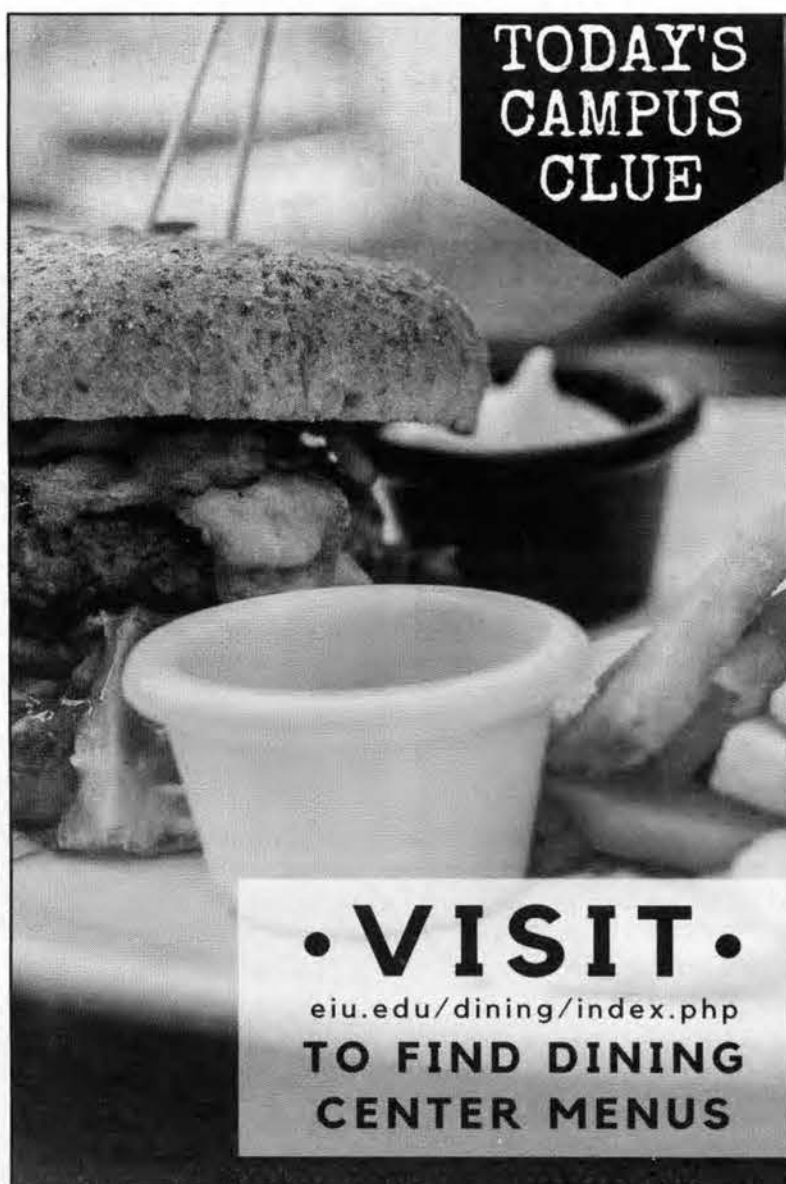
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# Eastern students ready for new semester

By Elizabeth Taylor  
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Students returned to campus over the weekend in preparation for the first day of classes on Monday with the usual mix of emotions that a new semester brings. While seeing friends and starting new classes is exciting, students might not look forward to homework or classes with as much positivity. This semester, the cancellation of spring break and continuation of COVID-19 safety protocols may be challenges beyond those of a typical semester. However, students like Kristina Robinson, a sophomore communications major, are still happy to be back. "I'm excited for my Spanish cinema

"I missed campus but am also very nervous to see how this semester plays out and how different campus life will be."  
-Alexandra Tinajero, junior

class and also just to be back in person and hopefully starting to get more back to normal," Robinson said. "I almost missed having a consistent schedule." Luis Paniagua, a junior graphic design major, also had mostly good feelings about returning. "I feel pretty content on being back, I know the school does what they can in keeping us safe so I feel great being back on campus," Paniagua said. "I'm pretty excited for my classes; from what I see, most of my classes are all online with the exception of one hybrid class."

Other students feel a bit more conflicted, like Alexandra Tinajero, a junior human services and leadership. "I am excited to be back. I missed campus but am also very nervous to see how this semester plays out and how different campus life will be," Tinajero said. Even with precautions taken due to the pandemic, Registered Student Organizations have still found ways to meet and have events, whether they're virtual or socially distanced. "I am excited to see what events and programs will be held this semester even

with all the regulations," Tinajero said. "Being in LASO, I look forward to planning events that are permitted for students to be involved in and take time to destress and have time for themselves." LASO is Eastern's Latin American Student Organization. Tinajero expressed similar sentiments about her sorority, Alpha Psi Lambda, saying she is excited to meet new members. Paniagua is also a member of LASO, as well as EIU Pride. "I know LASO will be doing some exciting things, especially now that we got the hang of how to meet online and what we can and can't do," Paniagua said. "And as for Pride, I'm hoping the drag show happens this semester because I also participate in that."

Even with all the events which could happen this semester, Robinson said she felt worried for students who might "burn out" without a spring break. She plans to take extra care to prevent herself from experiencing that. "I've been working on taking more time for myself. I'm very extroverted and I love people, but sometimes alone time can be a nice time to recharge. Whether it's Netflix, a face mask, long shower, a walk, workout, reading, or some yoga, every little bit counts," Robinson said. "It is so important mentally also to check in with yourself and make sure you are not overworked or too stressed."

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mind would think that saying Hitler was right about one thing is a good idea? No matter the circumstances this is not O.K. When I first heard about it, I was hoping that it was taken out of context. But in what context is this O.K.? None. So, I looked it up and realized it was just as bad as I thought. I still can't believe she thought just mentioning Hitler in her speech was a good idea. Her apology just blamed the audience for taking it out of context. But again, in no context was that O.K." Miller released the following after receiving backlash for the speech: "Earlier this week, I spoke to a group of mothers about the importance of faith and guarding our youth from destructive influences. I sincerely apologize

for any harm my words caused and regret using a reference to one of the most evil dictators in history to illustrate the dangers that outside influences can have on our youth. This dark history should never be repeated and parents should be proactive to instill what is good, true, right, and noble into their children's hearts and minds. While some are trying to intentionally twist my words to mean something antithetical to my beliefs, let me be clear: I'm passionately pro-Israel and I will always be a strong advocate and ally of the Jewish community. I've been in discussion with Jewish leaders across the country and am grateful to them for their kindness and forthrightness." Trevor Huffman, a sophomore music

performance major, said he understood the point Miller was attempting to make but did not agree with the execution. "From my understanding, I can tell she was trying to get some point across. However, I think she could have done it in a better way without references from Adolf Hitler. After all, the time of Hitler was a very dark and tragic time for many communities and countries," Huffman said. "While she may have not meant any harm, I think it is still quite inappropriate to use references from him." Argueta said she believes Miller should resign. "She should resign, Illinois can't have someone like that representing Illinois. Even though she apologized, it still does not make it okay to have a slim ac-

ceptance for what Hitler believed in or preached..." Argueta said. "...Remove her." Boyd agreed, saying she does not understand how some people are not upset Miller's speech. "I try to give everyone the benefit of the doubt and account for the fact that everyone makes mistakes, but something like this is not just a mistake. It's terrible, hurtful, and appalling. No one in their right mind would think to reference Hitler in their speech. Therefore, I think she should resign/be removed from office. No one wants to be represented by someone who doesn't have the common sense to not reference Hitler in their speech. I think what happened is absolutely atrocious and it is completely valid

for people to be upset and angry. Frankly, I don't understand how people are not upset about this," Boyd said. "What happened was not okay and she should face repercussions for her actions." Huffman said he does not believe Miller should resign. "While it was disturbing that she would reference someone like Hitler, I do not think she meant any real harm" Huffman said. "I think the fact that she addressed and apologized for her actions is good enough for me." Kyara Morales-Rodriguez, Helena Edwards and Emilee Tosh contributed to this article. Corryn Brock can be reached at 581-2812 or at cebrock@eiu.edu.

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Capitol attack shows what we have become

Many Americans like to avoid recognizing the ugly parts of our country. When something terrible happens, you hear many people say things like "things like this do not happen in America" and "this is not who we are." This was the response some people had when pro-Trump protestors rioted through the Capitol in Washington on Jan. 6. By the time to building was cleared, four rioters and one police officer were dead. People quickly compared the scene to something you see in a war-torn nation or so called "third-world country," but these things happened on American soil, inside our own Capitol. Unfortunately, this is who we are. America is now a nation where crowds of extremists can infiltrate government buildings after being emboldened by the president and

fueled by online conspiracies. People ran through the Capitol carrying weapons and restraints while threatening to kill elected officials. The people who attacked the Capitol are full of hatred and fear and the events last week were simply the result of rhetoric that has been escalating for years. We at The Daily Eastern News hope that Americans stop dismissing things like this as un-American. Ignoring the ugly parts of America will allow those things to continue to grow and spread. People like to only consider the positive things that are considered American, but that is taking the easy way out. Hatred and conspiracies have become as American as baseball and apple pie, and the sooner we all acknowledge that the better off we will be.

## COLUMN

### Pros and cons of impeaching Trump before his term is up

Since the storming of the Capitol there have been numerous calls to invoke the 25th Amendment against Trump. Section 4 of the 25th amendment allows for the removal of a president who "is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office." House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senator Chuck Schumer have been pressuring Vice President Mike Pence to invoke the 25th Amendment. According to NPR, it has also been talked about among some cabinet members. Pelosi and Schumer attempted to call Pence but were put on hold for 25 minutes and were told that the vice president would not speak with them. The invocation of the 25th Amendment seems unlikely without the support of the vice president. Impeachment takes precedent over any other business in the Senate, but the Senate is adjourned until Jan. 19, and Biden's inauguration is Jan. 20. Impeachment would be a detriment to the United States government because it would delay con-



Lindsey Ulrey

firmation of Biden's cabinet. To delay a confirmation for Biden's cabinet would leave him without essential members such as secretaries of defense. According to NPR, Biden stated that he's focused on three issues — the coronavirus, vaccine distribution and the economy. He said the "quickest" way to get Trump out of office is for him and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris to be sworn in and get to work. A benefit of going through the impeachment process even though Trump will be out of office soon is so that the United States has the security that Trump will not run for a political office again. The Constitution,

under Article I, Section 3, Clause 7, says that "judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States." Others argue against impeachment saying that it would be detrimental to the citizens of the United States. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy said he reached out Friday to Biden "to lower the temperature." McCarthy also tweeted "Impeaching the President with just 12 days left will only divide our country more." The impeachment of President Trump seems unlikely at this point due to the continued support for President Trump by many Republicans and the burden of proof needed for impeachment. Impeachment could deter the pacification of the nation, but it could also be the first step to make sure nothing like this happens again. Lindsey Ulrey is a freshman political science major. She can be reached at 581-2812 or lrlulrey@eiu.edu.



# Panthers go 2-2 in OVC games over break



ADAM TUMINO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern guard Josiah Wallace drives around a defender in a game against Chicago State on Dec. 3, 2020. Eastern won the game 78-56.

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Winter Break was not a break for everyone. The Eastern men's basketball team began conference play in between semesters, playing four games and picking up two victories.

After a non-conference schedule that featured some tough games, the Panthers' conference opener against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville was postponed due to COVID-19 cases in the Cougars' program.

Instead, the Panthers opened conference play on Dec. 30, 2020, against Eastern Kentucky. The Colonels held on for a 69-61 win, but Mack Smith made history for Eastern in the game.

Smith made a three pointer for the 89th straight game, breaking the all-time NCAA Division I record previously held by former Illinois star Cory Bradford.

Eastern's George Dixon led the Panthers with 12 points and 15 rebounds in the game. He was the only Eastern player to score in double figures.

Entering the new year, the Panthers played their next game on Jan. 2 against Tennessee Tech, earning their first conference win of the season.

Three Panthers scored in double figures in the win over the Golden Eagles, led by Josiah Wallace and Marvin Johnson with 19 points each. Johnson also added 10 assists and 6 rebounds.

Kashawn Charles provided a spark off the bench, scoring 16 points while shooting 6-of-6 from the field including 4-of-4 from three-point range.

After beating Tennessee Tech, Eastern traveled to play Murray State. A strong second half from the Panthers earned them a 74-68 win over the Racers.

Johnson led the team in scoring once again, tallying 22 points in the game and adding 5 rebounds and 4 assists. Wallace recorded a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Eastern looked to extend its winning streak to three games when they played Austin Peay Jan. 9, but a buzzer-beating three from the Governors' Terry Taylor gave Eastern a 74-71 loss.

Taylor led all scorers in the game with 38 points and was the only Austin Peay player to score in double figures.

Despite the loss, four Eastern players scored in double figures. Smith led the team with 16 and Wallace with 14. Barlow Allieruzzo added 13 points and Johnson scored 12 with 7 assists and 5 steals.

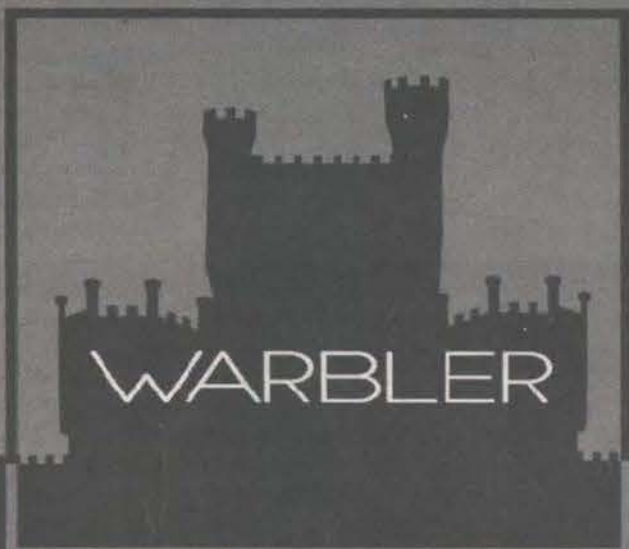
The Panthers play again on Tuesday on the road against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

On the season, Eastern's leading scorer has once again been Wallace. He is averaging 17.5 points per game, which ranks second in the OVC. Johnson is second on the team in scoring and 15th in the OVC with 12.4 points per game and ranked sixth in the conference with 4.2 assists per game.

George Dixon leads the Panthers with 6.8 rebounds and 2 steals per game, ranking seventh and fourth in the OVC respectively.

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